



**HB773 PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – BRONCHODILATOR AVAILABILITY AND USE –
POLICY (BRONCHODILATOR RESCUE INHALER LAW)**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) supports **HB773 Public and Nonpublic Schools – Bronchodilator Availability and Use – Policy (Bronchodilator Rescue Inhaler Law)** with amendments. This bill requires each local board of education to establish a policy for public schools within its jurisdiction to authorize the school nurse and other school personnel to administer a bronchodilator, if available, to a student who is determined to have asthma, is experiencing asthma-related symptoms, or is perceived to be in respiratory distress, regardless of whether the student 1) has been diagnosed with asthma or reactive airway disease; or 2) has a prescription for a bronchodilator as prescribed by an authorized licensed health care practitioner. However, a bronchodilator may not be administered to a prekindergarten student without a prescription, as specified. The policy must include other specified elements. Likewise, the bill authorizes each nonpublic school to establish a policy that meets the same requirements.

The current list of required trainings for teachers and school system staff is extremely long and requires a significant amount of time to complete. Accordingly, we recommend that the bill be amended to only require school nurses and health room staff to complete the training. School nurses and health room staff would be the best equipped to assist in a situation where a bronchodilator would be needed.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** committee report with amendments on HB773.